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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name;

I believe that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD OF FORMING A MAT OF EROSION CONTROL BLOCKS

the specification of which is attached hereto;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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